

RIGHT TO ASSESS RESERVE FUND TO BE THRESHED OUT

Board of Review to Take Up
Modern Woodman Matter
Next Thursday.

SOCIETY TO PUT UP FIGHT

Claim Sum Should Not Be Subject to
Taxation—Act on Harry
McCaskin's Petition.

Whether the board of review has a right to assess the so-called reserve fund of the Modern Woodmen, is a point which is to be threshed out before that body at its meeting next Thursday. Judge Ben D. Smith of Mankato, Minn., general counsel for the order is in the city and will represent the insurance society at the hearing.

The matter was brought to a head when Harry M. McCaskin filed with the board of review a petition asking to be appointed special prosecutor against the Modern Woodmen. He claimed that the society was dodging its taxes and that State's Attorney F. E. Thompson was not qualified to push a case against it, because of his alleged friendliness to the order.

Attorney McCaskin in his petition declared that the reserve fund of the society should be taxed. This has not been done previously and is purely a legal question. It is understood that the society claims the fund is not taxable; that the fund cannot be used for any purpose except to pay death losses when the assessments are not sufficient for that purpose and assessments can be dropped at any time and the reserve fund used. Should the fund be taxed, the society could omit assessments and use the fund and thus avoid taxation, it is claimed.

JACKSON MATTER.
The matter of Hon. William Jackson's alleged failure to list all of his property for taxation, will also be heard Thursday. Attorney McCaskin filed with the board a petition making this allegation. M. Sturgeon is counsel for Mr. Jackson.

ORDINANCES TO BE CONSIDERED

City Commission at Weekly
Session to Take Up Bond
Matters for Final Action.

The ordinances providing for the proposed improvements to be voted on at the special bond election, are to be up for consideration at the meeting of the city council this afternoon. Woods & Oakley, the bond experts of Chicago, in a written opinion, declared to the commission that in order to be legal, the ordinances could not be introduced and passed the same day but that a week would have to intervene.

That the funds for the waterworks improvements would have to be taken from the general, instead of the waterworks fund, was also the opinion of the experts. It is expected that the council will today take some formal action relative to the two propositions.

It is understood no difficulty was experienced in getting signatures to the petitions for annexation for the district from the city limits to Brashear street and from Twelfth street to the river. Some days ago all of the required signatures were secured.

COLORED MASONS CONVENE IN CITY

Thirtieth Conclave of Grand
Commandery, K. T., and
Grand Chapter, R. A. M.

Prominent members of the colored Masonic fraternity are in the city to attend the 30th annual convocation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois and Iowa. The sessions of the Grand Chapter opened this morning at the King Solomon lodge hall, corner Seventeenth street and Third avenue.

The Grand Commandery meets tomorrow. In the evening there will be a reception tendered the visitors and on Wednesday evening the Knights Templar ball will occur. A feature will be the exhibition drill by several commanderies in full uniform. Wednesday there is to be a picnic at the Prince Hall Masonic home. A program is to be given and refreshments are to be served. There will be an athletic program. Grand High Priest T. M. Holland of Chicago is presiding at today's session.

POLICE NEWS

Because Charles Reed (colored) pawned his coat, he is today confined in the county jail, where he will be compelled to serve a 40-day sentence. Several weeks ago he was arrested for stealing several articles of wearing apparel from his boarding house, but was subsequently dismissed, when the landlady failed to appear against him. At that time he was ordered out of town by the police and warned that should he appear in these designs again, bad luck would follow him. Saturday night Reed dropped off one of the river boats with some spare change in his pockets, and determined to get his coat out of "soak." He had just received the coveted garment and walked out on the street, when he was spied by Detective Tom Cox and was again placed behind the bars. This morning he was found guilty of vagrancy.

James Duffy paid a fine of \$3 and costs in police court this morning, because he thought he was a tough guy. Saturday night he scoffed at the police and directed insults towards some individual members of the force. He was ordered out of town, but instead of boarding a green line car, walked down the street and threatened to beat up a negro, according to the police, who then arrested him.

Edward B. Kay has been arrested on a charge of assault and battery, the complaint being made by John Baker, following a squabble which occurred several days ago. The case was scheduled for hearing this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The police are scouring the city in an effort to apprehend some thieves who early Sunday morning broke into a car in the Milwaukee railroad yards at the foot of Sixteenth street, stealing several articles of value and scattering alarm clocks all over the yards. Officers Fitzsimmons and Sullivan were detailed on the case and upon arriving on the scene found a trail of blood leading from the car. Several yards further on a pocket knife was found. The yards were thoroughly searched, but the culprits made their getaway. Up until press time no arrests had been made.

The Rock Island and Moline police have been notified to be on the lookout for a bum check artist, known as J. L. Martin, whose home is supposed to be in Minneapolis. The man is thought to have worked off several spurious checks both in Rock Island and Moline.

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While it was announced that the mayors of each of the three cities would welcome the visitors the other local speakers have not yet been secured. Val J. Peter of the Omaha Tribune, at one time connected with the Volks-Zeitung of this city, will also be one of the speakers.

The members of the Tri-City Press club of the Ad club will assist the local German publishers in entertaining the delegates. The two clubs will be the hosts at a banquet Sept. 14 and will attempt to secure several notable speakers for the occasion.

INVITE INSURGENT TO ATTEND CANVASS

The Modern Woodmen have extended an invitation to L. King of Richmond, Ill., a prominent insurgent to be present when the ballots, cast at the recent referendum vote on the rate question, are canvassed. Many of the insurgents failed to vote at the election and it is alleged that only about 25 per cent of the total membership of the order took the opportunity to express their views on the rate question.

MAN RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF ACCIDENT

The condition of William Mosby, Twentieth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, who nearly suffered the loss of his nose while engaged in digging a well for W. E. Bailey, is reported by his physician as being much improved today.

Mosby was working in the well when a bucket, which he had placed on the edge of the hole, fell upon him, striking his nose. The sharp edges of the bucket nearly caused that member to be severed from his face. He was taken immediately to the office of Dr. J. E. Asay for treatment. Several stitches were required to close the wound.

SENT TO CASH CHECKS; FORGETS TO COME BACK

Curtis Seitz, a porter employed at the Davenport Commercial club, was sent to deposit \$63 in the German Savings bank of that city by some trusting member of that club. Curtis forgot to put the money in the bank, in fact he even forgot to come back and now the police are on his trail while certain people have lost their trusting dispositions.

All of the money except \$11 was in checks. It is supposed that the forgetful porter took a bridge line car and cashed most of the checks on this side of the river, although none of them have yet shown up.

Meet Tonight.
St. Paul lodge No. 107, Knights of Pythias, will meet this evening for degree work.

Larkin Soap Clubs of Tri-Cities Picnic.
At Campbell's Island Aug. 14. All members and friends invited. Meet at Thirtieth street and Fifth avenue, Moline, at 9 a. m. If weather is unfavorable, will be postponed until Aug. 21. For further information call Rock Island 1944.—(Adv.)

LOCAL HORSES RACE AT WILTON

Will Compete for \$1,500 Purse
During Two Days of Fair
This Week.

BIG CROWD TO MAKE TRIP

Driving Association Announces that
Labor Day Races Are Called
Off.

Horses from the Expo stables will be strong contenders in the big racing cards at the Wilton fair Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Seventy-five of the fastest animals in this part of the country have been entered for the two-day meet, and purses aggregating \$1,500 have been hung up. As a side attraction, "Beachy" in his biplane will make two flights daily. A large delegation of Rock Islanders is planning to make the trip.

BIG MONEY.
The program for Wednesday includes a 2:28 pace for a purse of \$250, a 2:20 trot for a \$300 purse and a 2:19 pacing stake for \$150. In the first event the local entries are as follows: Wild Rose, H. F. Mier, Rock Island; La Myrtille, Dr. Soule, East Moline; Major Dowell, Jr., F. McCullom, Moline; and Joe R. John Russell, Davenport.

The entries for the second event are: Trembo, James Hickey, Rock Island; and Lavron Jr., Herman Banker, Rock Island.

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Interment was made in Riverside cemetery, Moline.

MRS. T. N. MORRISON.
One of the largest funeral processions ever witnessed in Davenport, accompanied the body of Mrs. T. N. Morrison, wife of the Episcopal bishop of Iowa, to its last resting place in Oakdale cemetery this afternoon.

Trinity cathedral, where services were said over the body, was filled to overflowing by sorrowing friends and many beautiful floral tributes attested to the high regard in which she was held by the community at large.

REFUSES TO COOK MEALS FOR HUBBY

William Blum Brings Divorce
Action Because Wife Won't
Fix the Victuals.

Because she refused to cook his meals when he returned home tired after his hard day's labor, Wilhelm Blum has brought suit for divorce in circuit court against his wife, Mrs. Jennie Blum. Carl Kuehl is attorney for the husband.

In his petition Mr. Blum declares he was married to Miss Jane Collins, Dec. 12, 1912, and that they lived together until Aug. 5, 1913. Extreme and repeatedly cruelty is charged, in addition to the wife's refusal to prepare the food and a tendency to imbibe, the woman recently having been sent to the county jail for 10 days on a disorderly conduct charge.

Mrs. Rose Unangst of this city has filed divorce proceedings against her husband, Charles B. Unangst. Schriver and Schriver are counsel for the complainant. The couple were married Feb. 27, 1904, at Dixon, and lived together until Jan. 30, 1911. Desertion is charged. Mrs. Unangst asks for the custody of her two children.

HERKERT RESIGNS POSITION ON FORCE

Finding that his health would not permit of his continuing his duties on the police force, Officer Otto Herkert Saturday afternoon tendered his resignation to Police Commissioner Archie Hart and turned in his star. He expects to leave for Colorado tomorrow, where he will remain until spring, in an effort to regain his strength. There is a possibility that he will locate permanently in the west.

Herkert was taken sick about a month and a half ago, after a series of misfortunes. He was incapacitated for duty for several weeks owing to an injury to his knee cap, in attempting to board the patrol wagon. He had been confined at St. Anthony's hospital up until a few days ago.

Mr. Herkert has been a member of the Rock Island police force for the last three years, during which time he has proved to be an able and conscientious officer. His many friends here join in wishes for his speedy recovery. John Sullivan will succeed Herkert.

STRATTON OVERLOOKS CHANCE TO GET AWAY

The local sheriff's office has received notices of the escape from the state penitentiary of Joseph H. Hudson, a negro, last Saturday at noon. He is 50 years of age and was sent up on a charge of rape. As far as known, Clyde Stratton, notorious yeggman sent to the pen from here, failed to get in on the delivery and the supposition is that Clyde must have been having an excellent feed or he would not have overlooked any such bet.

PAVEMENT BURNS AS OIL CAN EXPLODES

A square yard of asphalt on Second avenue and Eighteenth street in front of the Rock Island National bank was burned Saturday evening at 5:55 when a short circuit was completed by painters putting their equipment on a Low View street car. A can of turpentine placed on a sheet of metal which rested against the controller box, was ignited and an explosion followed. The can was kicked to the pavement where it continued to burn, causing a patch in the asphalt to be damaged.

LOCAL ELKS TO ATTEND BARBECUE AT DIXON, ILL.

The Rock Island Elks have been invited to the annual clam bake and picnic of the Dixon Elks to be held there about the 20th of the present month. A barbecue will feature the affair. The affair is a stag function. In past years, the local "Bills" have sent representatives to Dixon to join in the festivities, and several members of the local lodge have signified their intentions of making the trip.

Three Classes of Medicine
are the Animal, Vegetable and Mineral, of which the vegetable kingdom furnishes by far the most and the best. Over 700 varieties of roots, plants and herbs are known by pharmacists to have medicinal value and probably the "Indian medicine man" knows of as many more. It was in this most interesting study, more than 40 years ago, that Lydia E. Pinkham of Lynn, Mass., discovered her now famous Vegetable Compound for women's ills, which has proved of incalculable value to hundreds of thousands of American women. Its wonderful success proves its merit.—(Adv.)

Barge Mississippi.
Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Aug. 16-17-19.—(Adv.)

MAN HANGS SELF, LEAVING ONLY STRANGE NOTE

Farmer Lad Commits Suicide on
Farm Near Davenport
Today.

MENTIONS WOMAN'S NAME

But Police Are Unable to Find Trace
of Girl Who Is Told of in
Brief Letter.

"Hazel can tell why I've done this." This brief note, found beneath his suspended body, was the only explanation which Harry Greene, alias Harvey Grim, aged 23, gave for taking his own life. His lifeless body was found hanging in a granary this morning on the farm of John Wiese, six miles north of Davenport, where he had been employed.

Just who the mysterious "Hazel" is the Davenport police are at a loss to determine. It was found that the young man's home was at Hudson, Iowa, but the authorities of that place are also in the dark concerning the woman mentioned.

HAD CHANGED NAME.
While unrequited love is thought to be the most plausible reason for the young man's rash deed, an air of mystery pervades the entire act.

For some unknown reason the young man, whose correct name was Harry Green, had assumed the name of Harvey Grim when he obtained employment at the Wiese farm last May. Just what his purpose was in changing his name and what necessity there should be for doing so, the police are at a loss to determine.

Neither Mr. Wiese nor any of the men employed on the farm were able to throw any light on the mystery and meagre news received from the young man's home town also failed to clarify the situation. He had never mentioned the mysterious "Hazel" nor had he given any reason to suppose that it was advisable for him to conceal his identity.

The Davenport police will make a further attempt to clear up the mystery by having his former associates at Hudson questioned regarding the strange woman mentioned in the note.

BALKAN TREATY SIGNED; REJOICING OVER PEACE

Bucharest, Roumania, Aug. 11.—The peace treaty between the Balkan states was signed at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

In honor of the occasion, the city was decorated with flags, guns were fired, bells were rung and the bands played.

A solemn te dem in the cathedral at noon was attended by King Charles, Queen Elizabeth (Carmen Sylvia) and the members of the royal family and delegates to the peace conference. King Charles conferred high decorations on all the delegates, except the Bulgarians, who declined them.

The peace treaty provides that the Roumanian army shall evacuate Bulgarian territory in 15 days after its signature and the Serbian and Greek armies in three days. It also provides for arbitration by Belgium, Holland or Switzerland in event of a disagreement over the new frontier. Bulgaria agrees to begin demobilization immediately.

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—The porte has made an evasive reply to the recent note of the powers threatening that the powers would withdraw their moral and financial support from Turkey unless the Ottoman government ordered its troops to retire within the Enos-Midia line in accordance with the treaty of London.

CITY CHAT

(Advertisements.)
Buy a home of Reidy Bros.
For express, call William Trefz.
Tri-City Towing Supply company.
Independent Express Co. West 981.
Kerler Rug company for vacuum cleaning and rug making.
Six per cent farm mortgages. Litten & Roberts, People's Nations' bank building.

AURORA SALOON PORTER IS SON OF MILLIONAIRE

Aurora, Ill., Aug. 11.—A Geneva, Ill., saloon porter, Wilfred Fabian Kallsten, who for 25 years has been an unrepentant butt of village jokers because he once said his father, "back in Sweden," was an immensely wealthy manufacturer, told the truth, it was learned yesterday, when he died.

He passed away at the Kane county almshouse. Upon papers showing he was a son of Carl Auraham Kallsten, one of the noted family of cutlery manufacturers who for more than half a century have made the town of Eskilstuna famous while building up vast fortunes.

Kallsten, a remittance man because of differences with his family, would not go back to Sweden to claim his share of an estate of millions recently settled up.

Insane Case Hearing.
An insane case hearing is set for 3 o'clock this afternoon at the court house, when Paul Young of South Rock Island will be examined relative to his sanity.

Reopen Bids for Y. M. C. A.
At a meeting of the building committee of the Y. M. C. A., held this morning,

Texas Alberta Peaches \$2
Extra Large, Per Bushel \$2
BRADY GROCERY CO.
700 Twelfth Street. Phones R. I. 443 & 869

ANTI-SALOONMEN TO FORCE ISSUE

Start Move to Make Question
Leading One of Chicago
City Campaign.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 11.—The Anti-Saloon league is preparing a campaign to make the saloon question the paramount issue of the coming municipal campaign, and with the assistance of the women voters the league leaders see an optimistic outlook.

The first move of the anti-saloon men, as outlined by E. J. Davis of the league, is to pledge candidates for aldermen to vote for the appointment of a commission to investigate the liquor question in Chicago. This commission, according to the anti-saloon plans, will be asked to figure out the percentage of the annual city expenditures the saloons should pay and then force an increase of saloon licenses.

Candidates for aldermen who fail to sign this pledge will be fought by the league. Mr. Davis declares an organization controlling thousands of votes, a large percentage of them those of women voters, will be formed in every ward.

"The saloons should be forced to pay their fair share of the city expense," said Mr. Davis. "We want a commission to figure out just how much of the expenditure the saloons are responsible for. Then they should be forced to pay this amount. The argument we shall advance is that without saloons the police could be cut down, that there would be less people in the jails and police stations and county hospitals."

"A commission that wants to do its work can determine these facts from the reports in other cities. Then we will try to force the saloons to pay their fair share of the municipal expenditures or get out of business."

"This municipal campaign is going to be the real fight of the league's existence and we think that we have a fair chance of success. In many wards we will put up our own candidates and elect them on the saloon issue. This issue will be made the main one throughout the city."

The league has already mailed circulars outlining its plan of campaign to affiliated organizations, and as soon as the aldermanic candidates start to announce themselves they will be asked to place themselves on record.

ILLINOIS STRIKES BLOW AT HIGH COST OF LIVING

Purchase of a 320-acre tract by the University of Illinois is the first step taken by the institution in a campaign to solve the problem presented by the higher cost of living. It may also mark the beginning of the transformation of Illinois from a grain-raising to a fruit-growing state.

Announcement of the purchase of the tract was made yesterday by Edmund J. James, president of the university, who also told of the purpose which directed it. The price paid by the university for the land was \$256,600.

President James declared that it was the intention of the university to make provision for horticulture in its larger sense, including forestry, by the purchase. He said that the rising price of farm lands in Illinois made it apparent that a new system of cultivating them must be used to make them profitable to their owners.

Horticulturists were convinced, he said, that Illinois as a whole offered as great opportunities for fruit growing as any state in the union. Apples, peaches, pears, cherries and other fruits, he declared, could be raised as easily here as on the Pacific coast.

The systematic cultivation of forest trees and the development of the whole department of horticulture, which has become one of the great industries of the state of Illinois, are to receive more attention.

The acquisition of the 320-acre tract will enable the University of Illinois to undertake the development of the horticultural interests on a larger scale than ever before.

President James declares that by so doing it will create one of the most important advances against the increased cost of living.

Resting Today.
Connie Walsh and his Danville ball tossers arrived this morning and are today having a day of rest. The game scheduled for today at Peoria was staged yesterday afternoon. Billy Neal shook hands with old friends in Rock Island this morning.

Musicians Picnic Today.
Members of the Musicians' union of the tri-cities are holding their annual picnic on Island 23 camp, near Suburban Island, Davenport, this afternoon. A program of athletic stunts followed by a concert is being given.

All the news all the time — The Argus.

TEMPLARS URGED TO NEW CRUSADE

Grand Prelate Walden Calls for
War on White Slavery, Child
Labor and Liquor.

Denver, Col., Aug. 11.—It is estimated 18,000 Knights Templar arrived yesterday and late last night to attend the 32nd triennial convocation, which informally opened Saturday night.

Early this morning St. Bernard commandery of Chicago and Cretion commandery of Burlington, Iowa, arrived. It is expected 25,000 knights will arrive today. Public interest centers between the dress parade tomorrow morning and the horse show and ball in honor of the six knights at the stadium Thursday night. The stadium will be converted into a dance hall, the largest ever used for that purpose. Nine thousand tickets have been issued for the fete. The horse show will precede the dance, and will be accompanied by an illuminated automobile parade.

The days of crusading have not entirely passed for the Knights Templar of America if they follow the ideas expressed by their venerable grand prelate, Bishop John M. Walden of Cincinnati, at the divine service held yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium.

White slavery, child labor, and the liquor interests are the pagans of modern times in Bishop Walden's eyes, and he preached a crusade against these and other social and economic conditions with a vigor that belied his 82 years.

Bishop Walden, in his arraignment of modern conditions, said: "The present day service for Knights Templar may be actuated by motives as chivalric in spirit and purpose as at any time in the past. There are in American society the unprotected and defenseless as dependent for help and deliverance as were any when the order was first formed."

"Think of the untold number of the victims of child labor, of boys and girls of tender age who ought to be in school, but who are in cotton mills, tobacco factories, and other health-destroying and soul-contaminating occupations."

"The child labor reform, by which protective laws for the youth of several states have been secured is Christian and knightly in its aim and spirit."

The speaker dwelt upon the rise of woman in worldly affairs, and continued:

"But there are still conditions in society where countless women are enduring constant and heartless suffering. The report in several cities of the cruel and vicious results of underpaid service in stores, shops, and other places where women, young and old, are employed, forms a trumpet call to every man of the church and to every Sir Knight to study how this grievous social problem may be solved."

"The number of sufferers from child labor, however great, is exceeded by the number of women and children who suffer from the baleful effects of the saloon. The verdict of the human conscience is the saloon must go."

The bishop took a strong position against strikes and lockouts, saying: "Strikes and lockouts affect so many people and so many interests that it is an urgent duty of the state and in some cases of the nation to provide for their prevention by law. They should in every instance be prevented."

The service was conducted by Eminent Sir Knight John Wallis Ohi, grand prelate of the Colorado commandery, and was attended by more than 1,000 knights. The parade from the general headquarters at the Brown Palace hotel to the Auditorium was the most pretentious display made so far. It whetted the enthusiasm of the thousands of visitors or the pageants of the next few days.

Do Your Own CANNING

Have on hand a supply of jars, caps and other canning material. When you get some nice fruits or vegetables you can prepare them at once with little labor.

Mason 1/2 gal. jar, a dozen 75c
Mason quarts, a dozen 55c
Mason pints, a dozen 50c
Jelly glasses, 1/2 pint, tin covers, a dozen 25c
Mason jar caps, porcelain lined, dozen 20c
Jar rubbers, red, extra heavy, doz. 10c
Same as above, 3 dozen 25c
Parowax, 1 lb. package 10c
Sealing wax, package 5c
Phone us your wants.